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Madrid, November 27, N. S.

ON the 25th Inſtant in the Morning their Catholick Majeſties with the Infantes went to the Church of St. Jerome at the Buen-Retiro, where was performed the Ceremony of Swearing the Infante Don Ferdinand Prince of Aſturias; which was done after a ſolemn Maſs had been performed: The Herald at Arms called up to the Altar the Infante Don Carlos to take the Oaths, which he did by ſwearing upon the Goſpels before Cardinal Borja, and afterwards he took the Oaths of Homage before the King; the Infante Don Philip was excuſed from that Ceremony, by reaſon of his tender Age. Then the eight Biſhops, who came to Town upon Account of this Ceremony, were called up; they ſwore upon the Goſpels before the ſaid Cardinal, and took the Oaths of Homage before the Duke de Eſcalona, Lord High Steward, whom his Majeſty had deputed for that Purpoſe; after which the ſaid Biſhops kiſſed firſt the Prince's Hand, and then the King and Queen's; after them followed the Grandees of Spain, the Deputies of the Provinces and Cities who have Right to ſit in the Cortes, and the Officers of the Crown, who all took the Oaths in the aforeſaid Manner. The ſame Evening there were Fireworks in the Palace-Yard, and their Catholick Majeſties, the Infantes and moſt of the Nobility, were in the Balconies of the Palace to ſee them let off. Yeſterday in the Afternoon their Catholick Majeſties, with the Infantes and many of the Nobility went in great State to the Church of our Lady de Atocha, where the Te Deum was ſung, and at their Return to the Palace there were Fireworks let off; the ſame likewiſe was repeated this Evening. The Court has been out of Mourning theſe three Days, upon Account of the ſaid Ceremony of Swearing the Infante Don Ferdinand Prince of Aſturias, and every body appeared dreſſed according to the Regulation ſome time ſince publiſhed, forbidding the wearing any ſort of Gold or Silver upon their Clothes. His Catholick Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Duke of Gandia and the Marqueſs de los Balbaſes Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Prince of Aſturias, they having had the ſame Honour under the late King Lewis. Letters from Cadiz of the 21ſt Inſtant adviſe, that Captain Bowler, Commander of His Britannick Majeſty's Ship the Argyle, had put in there from Newfoundland, and was ſoon to proceed directly for England. The ſame Letters add, that the Oneto, one of the Spaniſh Men of War which ſailed out of that Port the 15th Inſtant in order to go to the Weſt-Indies to cruize againſt the Pyrates, had been forced back thither by contrary Winds, and that ſhe was in a very bad Condition, being leaky and diſabled from proceeding on her Voyage: The Brandon which ſet ſail with the Oneto, was believed to be loſt, ſhe not being returned.

Paris, Dec. 4, N. S. On the 27th of laſt Month the Infanta Queen left Fontainebleau, and came the ſame Day to Verſailles. On the 2d Inſtant in the Evening the King returned to Verſailles from Fontainebleau.

Cuſtom-Houſe, London, Dec. 2, 1724.

The Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms do hereby give Notice, that they ſhall be willing to treat with ſuch Anchor-Smiths, on Tueſday the 15th Inſtant, as ſhall be deſirous to furniſh Anchors from about Five to Two Hundred Weight, for ſome Sloops now building for the Service of that Revenue, to be made of two Thirds of the beſt Spaniſh, and one Third of the beſt Swediſh Iron. And any Perſon or Perſons may, on or before the 15th Day of this Month of December, ſend or deliver Propoſals for furniſhing the ſame, ſealed up, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, at their Office in Fenchurch-ſtreet.

Advertiſements.

WHereas the Goldſmith's Company have lately received an Anonymous Letter, offering to make Diſcovery of ſome Perſons who counterfeit the Marks of the ſaid Company on Plate: The Wardens of the ſaid Company do hereby promiſe, that if the Perſon who wrote the ſaid Letter will make ſuch Diſcovery, he ſhall, on Conviction of any of the Offenders, be very well rewarded.

THIS is to give Notice, that all the Creditors of John Stainer, deceaſed, do, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, come before Thomas Bennett, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, and prove their Debts on or before the firſt Day of next Term, otherwiſe they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

WHereas there is a Cauſe depending in the High Court of Chancery, wherein the Right Honourable the Lord Lechmere is Plaintiff, againſt William Gower, Sen. and William Gower, Jun. and others, Defendants: This is to give Notice, that the Creditors of the ſaid William Gower, Sen. and John Gower, deceaſed, are to come before Robert Holford,